

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 226

By Holt

A RESOLUTION to honor and welcome Hongwei Xin, the new dean for AgResearch at the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to welcome to Tennessee a respected scientist who possesses a wealth of knowledge about animal production systems and who has established an international reputation for research and academic leadership; and

WHEREAS, Hongwei Xin has been named the new dean for AgResearch at the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture (UTIA); and

WHEREAS, currently serving as assistant dean for research in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Iowa State University, Dr. Xin will assume his new role in May 2019, after the conclusion of the current academic year; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Xin possesses a deep understanding of the land-grant mission and collaborative style, and his work has greatly impacted U.S. and global animal agriculture by making significant contributions to scientific literature and engineering practices related to animal production systems; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Xin has served as the principal or co-principal investigator of more than \$23.7 million in competitive grants and contracts for research, Extension, and education programs; and

WHEREAS, he is also renowned for his collaborative work in facilitating linkages between academics, research, and economic development; supporting international academic partnerships; and raising significant private dollars to fund a state-of-the-art poultry teaching and research farm; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving as assistant dean at Iowa State, Hongwei Xin is the director of the Egg Industry Center, interim director of the Iowa Nutrient Research Center, and a Charles F. Curtiss Distinguished Professor in the departments of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering and Animal Science; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Xin serves on numerous scientific advisory boards and committees for academia; industry organizations; and government agencies at State, national, and international levels; he has also been instrumental and actively engaged in global capacity building and collaborations toward sustainable animal production; and

WHEREAS, before joining Iowa State in 1993, he spent more than three years as a postdoctoral research associate at the University of Arkansas conducting broiler housing research; and

WHEREAS, as UTIA celebrates fifty years of excellence in providing "Real. Life. Solutions.", its administration, faculty, staff, students, and partners are indeed fortunate to welcome Hongwei Xin into the University of Tennessee family; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Hongwei Xin, the new dean for AgResearch at the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, and welcome him as another dedicated professional who calls Tennessee home.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.